

USDA/FNS/Food Distribution

Project No. 7 (Cancelled)

Project No. 7: Bundled Orders for Reprocessing Ground Pork and Turkey
State Partner: Southeast Region States
Industry Partners: JTM Foods

Scope: Limited to multiple trucks of ground pork and turkey to be processed in accordance with demand from districts in the Southeast region for SY 2002.

Background: Typically states order bulk commodity to processors in full or split truckload quantities equivalent to approximately 10,000-40,000 pounds. Where a state has limited demand for processed ground pork and turkey, districts that wish to process may not be able to because of truckload and split requirements. Frequently districts will then backhaul small quantities, which is inefficient and unsafe.

Project Description: This Pilot would allow school districts, regardless of location, to divert an amount significantly less than the amount where a full or partial truck diversion is permitted by many states. As little as 5,000 pounds of either product may be ordered. The processor would merge this diversion with other school districts across multiple states to fill a truck and coordinate submission of orders with USDA. USDA would purchase full trucks to the processors plant.

Status: This initiative has been on hold, pending resolution of pathogen testing requirements for ground pork and ground turkey specifications. Current pathogen testing requirements prevent USDA from purchasing these products. Therefore the pilot has been postponed indefinitely.

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